

### Amendments to the Claims

Please amend Claims 1, 2, 8 and 14 to read as follows.

1. (Currently Amended) A printing apparatus for introducing a printing medium from a first printing medium holding region and discharging the printing medium after being printed to a second printing medium holding region disposed above the first printing medium holding region, the first printing medium holding region and the second printing medium holding region being disposed on a first side of an apparatus body, comprising:

paper-feeding means for conveying the printing medium from the first printing medium holding region;

reversal means for reversing the conveying direction of the printing medium conveyed by said paper-feeding means generally in the reverse direction, said reversal means including a reversal roller having a peripheral surface which is in close proximity to both of the first side of the apparatus body and a second side of the apparatus body opposite to the first side;

deflection means for deflecting the printing medium reversed by said reversal means such that the printing medium advances upward generally in the vertical direction in the vicinity of the first side of the apparatus body, the printing medium being conveyed between said paper-feeding means and the second printing medium holding region;

holding means for holding printing means such that the printing means is held at a position where the printing means ~~overlies~~ is directly over said reversal means; and

paper-discharging means for discharging the printing medium on which the record is printed by the printing means to the second printing medium holding region,

wherein the printing means is located above said paper-feeding means,

wherein the printing means performs printing by ejecting inks onto the printing medium that is guided by said deflection means so as to advance upwardly generally in the vertical direction, ~~and~~

wherein an ink tank, for storing ink that is to be supplied to the printing means, is arranged above the printing means, and

wherein the printing medium is conveyed between the ink tank and the first side of the apparatus body above the printing means in a manner such that the printing medium is conveyed along the ink tank and the first side of the apparatus body in the vicinity of the first side of the apparatus body.

2. (Currently Amended) A printing apparatus for introducing a printing medium from a first printing medium holding region and discharging the printing medium after being printed to a second printing medium holding region disposed below the first printing medium holding region, the first printing medium holding region and the second printing medium holding region being disposed on a first side of an apparatus body, comprising:

paper-feeding means for conveying the printing medium from the first printing medium holding region;

deflection means for deflecting the printing medium conveyed by said paper-feeding means such that the printing medium advances downward generally in the vertical direction in the vicinity of the first side of the apparatus body, the printing medium being conveyed between said paper-feeding means and the second printing medium holding region;

holding means for holding printing means having an ink tank;

reversal means for reversing the conveying direction of the printing medium on which an image has been printed in a direction toward a position at which the second printing medium holding region is located after being drawn generally in the direction opposite to the position at which the second printing medium holding region is located, said holding means holding the printing means such that the printing means is held at a position where the printing means ~~overlies~~ is directly over said reversal means, said reversal means including a reversal roller having a peripheral surface which is in close proximity to both of the first side of the apparatus body and a second side of the apparatus body opposite to the first side; and

paper-discharging means for discharging the printing medium, which has been deflected in the direction toward the position at which the second printing medium holding region is located, into the second printing medium holding region, wherein the printing medium is conveyed between the ink tank and the first side of the apparatus body above the printing means in a manner such that the printing medium is conveyed along the

ink tank and the first side of the apparatus body in the vicinity of the first side of the apparatus body.

3. (Previously presented) A printing apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the printing means is held within a minimum frame encircling said reversal means, said deflection means and said paper-discharging means.

4. (Previously presented) A printing apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein all constituent members except for the first printing medium holding region and the second printing medium holding region are disposed within the interior of an outer case member of a generally parallelepiped-shape, and the first printing medium holding region and the second printing medium holding region are provided on the same side of the outer case member.

5. (Previously presented) A printing apparatus as claimed in claim 4, wherein a length of a shorter side of a rectangular installation plane of the outer case member is shorter than a height of the outer case member.

6. (Original) A printing apparatus as claimed in claim 5, wherein the length of the shorter side of the rectangular installation plane of the outer case member is 100 mm or less, and the height of the outer case member is 400 mm or less.

7. (Previously presented) A printing apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the printing means is held generally above said reversal means in the vertical direction, and in a space between the printing means and said reversal means, a conveying path for the printing medium is disposed.

8. (Currently Amended) A printing apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein ~~said reversal means comprises a~~ the reversal roller ~~rotating~~ rotates about an axis thereof while being in tight contact on a the peripheral surface thereof with the printing medium, whereby the printing medium is conveyed while being wrapped around 90 degrees or more of a the peripheral surface of the reversal roller.

9. (Previously presented) A printing apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein either one of the first printing medium holding region or the second printing medium holding region, disposed at a lower position when the printing apparatus is used, is mounted on the printing apparatus at a greater angle relative to the horizontal plane.

10. (Previously presented) A printing apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein a stack of printing media in the first printing medium holding region is held at a vertical position by a flat presser member when the printing apparatus is used.

11. (Previously presented) A printing apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein said paper-discharging means discharges the printing medium above a lower end of the second printing medium holding region when the printing apparatus is used.

12. (Previously presented) A printing apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the printing means comprises a printing head for printing on the printing medium while moving in the horizontal direction during use.

13. (Previously Presented) A printing apparatus as claimed in claim 2, wherein the printing means comprises a printing head capable of ejecting ink to the printing medium.

14. (Currently Amended) An image-forming apparatus for printing on a printing medium by using an ink jet printing head, comprising:

a paper-feeding tray disposed on a first side of a body of the image-forming apparatus while stacking the printing media therein at a slanted position so that a portion of said tray closer to the apparatus body is relatively lower;

a pickup roller for feeding the printing medium stacked in said paper-feeding tray;

a reversal path for reversing the printing medium fed by said pickup roller by guiding the printing medium closer to a second side opposite to the first side, and then guiding the printing medium closer to the first side;

a paper-discharging tray disposed above said paper-feeding tray on the first side, and capable of stacking printing media;

a conveying path for guiding the printing medium guided along said reversal path between said paper-feeding tray and said paper-discharging tray generally upwardly in the vicinity of the first side;

holding means for holding the ink jet printing head at a position where the printing head ~~overlies~~ is directly over said reversal path so that the ink jet printing head effects recording on the printing medium guided along said conveying path;

~~a paper-discharging tray disposed above said paper-feeding tray on the first side, and capable of stacking printing media; and~~

a discharging roller for discharging the printing medium on which printing has been effected by the ink jet printing head to said paper-discharging tray,

wherein an ink tank disposed above or below the ink jet printing head, for storing ink therein to be supplied to the ink jet printing head, is held by the ink jet printing head or said holding means,

wherein an openable member is provided on the second side to allow access to the ink jet printing head, ~~and~~

wherein the ink jet printing head is arranged above said pickup roller, and

wherein the printing medium is conveyed between said ink tank and the first side of said apparatus body above said printing means in a manner such that the printing medium is conveyed along said ink tank and the first side of said apparatus body in the vicinity of the first side of said apparatus body.

Claims 15 and 16 (cancelled)